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BIGGERT ANNOUNCES \$49,705 GRANT TO LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

Federal funds to finance "peer perception" programs and mobile "life education center"

Clarendon Hills, Illinois – The Lockport Township High School District 205, in coalition with the Lockport Area Consortium of Student Assistance, has won a \$49,705 federal grant to build new programs into its efforts to reduce substance abuse among youth in the district, U.S. Representative Judy Biggert (R-13th) announced today.

"Misconstrued peer pressure and minimum parental involvement are two problems working against anti-drug programs in the Lockport school district and around the country," said Biggert. "Lockport is effectively using the power of community to address these issues; the least we can do is support them through federal funding."

Awarded by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the grant will finance new "peer perception" education programs for students, parental training and a mobile "life education center" that will travel from school to school promoting healthy lifestyle choices for children. The educational center also will host evening classes for the parents of students.

"We are very grateful for this grant," said Jennifer Cain, coordinator for Lockport Area Consortium of Student Assistance. "It allows us to continue operating a program that really is working for the benefit of our kids and the community."

Last week, Biggert was named to the Speaker's Task Force on a Drug Free America – a group that will advise Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-14th) on national drug policy. In addition, she recently co-sponsored legislation that allows first-time, non-violent drug offenders to participate in rigorous drug treatment programs as an alternative to spending time in prison. She also authored a bill signed by President Clinton that stiffens the penalties for Ecstasy and other club drugs.

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